

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 6-17 are presented in this application. Claims 1-5 are canceled without prejudice by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 6-17 were indicated as allowed, and Claims 1-5 were indicated as withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In view of this indication, Claims 1-5 have been canceled without prejudice as suggested by the Office Action. No new matter has been added.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



---

Bradley D. Lytle  
Attorney of Record  
Registration No. 40,073

Customer Number  
**22850**

Tel: (703) 413-3000  
Fax: (703) 413 -2220  
(OSMMN 06/04)

Remus F. Fetea, Ph. D.  
Registration No. 59,140

I:\ATTY\SG\245139US\245139US-QUAYLE.DOC